

PETER D. KEISLER
Assistant Attorney General
SCOTT N. SCHOOLS
United States Attorney
SHEILA M. LIEBER
Assistant Branch Director
MICHAEL Q. HYDE
Trial Attorney
Civil Division, Federal Programs Branch
United States Department of Justice
20 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Room 7132
P.O. Box 883
Washington, D.C. 20044
Tel: (202) 514-2205
Facsimile: (202) 616-8470
Email: michael.hyde@usdoj.gov

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

SONYA RENEE, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

MARGARET SPELLINGS, et al.,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 3:07cv4299

**DECLINATION TO PROCEED BEFORE
A MAGISTRATE JUDGE
AND
REQUEST FOR REASSIGNMENT TO A
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**

REQUEST FOR REASSIGNMENT TO A UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Defendants Margaret Spellings and the United States Department of Education hereby decline to consent to assignment of this case to a United States Magistrate Judge for trial and disposition and hereby request the reassignment of this case to a United States District Judge.

1 Dated: October 18, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

2 PETER D. KEISLER
Assistant Attorney General

3 SCOTT N. SCHOOLS
4 United States Attorney

5 SHEILA M. LIEBER
Assistant Branch Director

6 /S/
7 MICHAEL Q. HYDE
Trial Attorney
8 Civil Division, Federal Programs Branch
United States Department of Justice
9 20 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Room 7132
P.O. Box 883
10 Washington, D.C. 20044
Tel: (202) 514-2205
11 Facsimile: (202) 616-8470
Email: michael.hyde@usdoj.gov
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on October 18, 2007, a true and correct copy of the foregoing
Declination to Proceed Before a Magistrate Judge and Request for Reassignment to a
United States District Judge was served by the Court's ECF system and first class mail upon the
following:

John T. Affeldt
Jenny Pearlman
Tara Kini
PUBLIC ADVOCATES, INC.
131 Steuart Street, Suite 300
San Francisco, CA 94105

Patrick Thompson
Nicole E. Perroton
Elizabeth F. Stone
GOODWIN PROCTER LLP
101 California Street #1850
San Francisco, CA 94111

Jeffrey Simes
GOODWIN PROCTER LLP
599 Lexington Avenue
New York, NY 10022

David B. Cook
GOODWIN PROCTER LLP
901 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Attorneys for Plaintiffs

/S/
MICHAEL Q. HYDE